## --- 20 Cigarettes - Series “C” - three digit codes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - [ 1-18E ] ---

### --- in BLACK ink - [ 1955-56 ] ---

When the 1951 Budget increased the *cigarette excise tax* (no longer printed on the stamp) from 4¢ to 5½¢ per ten cigarettes, or fraction thereof, “Imperial Tobacco” discontinued their *lettered cancellations*, and a three digit code numbering system was adopted for all their production. “Tuckett Tobacco” was an affiliate and used the Imperial code dating system. The first, definitely *Tuckett*, number code in its characteristic, 15 mm., *wide-spaced* 4 mm. heavy Gothic figures, reading vertically down at the right side, is **2 1 6**.

**--- a single cancellation reading vertically down - 5 copies to date ---**

| [ ★RC-386 ] | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1952** | --- | **2 0 5** | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | **2 3 3** | --- | --- | --- |
| | --- | --- | --- | --- | **2 1 8** | --- | --- | --- | **2 3 4** | --- | --- | --- |
| | --- | --- | --- | ---- | --- | --- | **2 2 7** | **2 3 1** | --- | | | |
| | --- | --- | --- | **2 1 6** | --- | **2 2 4** | --- | **2 3 2** | | | | |

Some of the stamps have been pencil inscribed as follows:

**2 2 4** - Buckingham - 2 5 52
**2 3 3** - Buckingham - 10 9 52
**2 2 7** - Buckingham - 30 6 52
**2 4 4** - Buckingham - 8 10 52

**--- twin cancellations reading vertically down - 50 copies to date ---**

| [ ★RC-386 ] | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1953** | --- | **244** | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **1954** | --- | **268** | **270** | --- | --- | --- | **284** | --- | **292** | --- | **300** | **304** |
| | --- | **269** | --- | --- | **277** | --- | --- | --- | **293** | --- | --- | --- |
| | | | | --- | --- | --- | **286** | **290** | **294** | --- | **302** | **306** |
| | | | | --- | --- | --- | --- | **291** | **295** | **299** | --- | **307** |
| **1955** | **308** | **312** | **316** | **320** | --- | **328** | **332** | **336** | **340** | **344** | --- | --- |
| | **309** | **313** | **317** | **321** | **325** | **329** | **333** | **337** | **341** | **345** | --- | --- |
| | **310** | **314** | **318** | --- | **326** | **330** | --- | **338** | **342** | --- | --- | --- |
| | **311** | **315** | **319** | **323** | --- | **331** | **335** | --- | **343** | --- | --- | --- |

Judging by the type face used on these 1956 examples, I'd guess that they were produced on contract by "Imperial Tobacco" and given the "Tuckett Tobacco" company code. Compare them to the 1956 "Imperial Tobacco" stamps.

**with the company code** 1-18E **added horizontally upright at the bottom - 3 copies to date**

| [ ★RC-386 ] | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1956** | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | **382** | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | --- | --- | --- | --- | **375** | **379** | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

## --- 20 Cigarettes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - with two digits - 1956-63 ---

As with “Imperial Tobacco” their weekly three digit number series apparently ended at about **3 4 5** in mid-1956 and was replaced by a plethora of two digit monthly number series. These two-digit numbers have varying orientations, designed for packaging purposes. Basically the difference between the two series is found in the use of a 3 mm. code [ 1-18E ] with a ***figure eight*** flourish, and a 3 mm. code [1-18E ] and eventually [ 18E-1 ] - which ultimately reads *vertically down*.

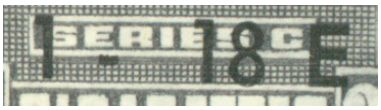
The initial cancellations of the pair have the twin 5 mm. Gothic numbers *reading vertically down*, as on the three digit series - with the company code [ 1-18E ], in pica typewritten mimeographed 3 mm. characters, arranged horizontally across the bottom. This seems to be a logical extension following from the above three-digit series and uses the *plain-stick* figure **I** at the beginning - which was previously used in the three digit numbers. The **1** with foot and serif is used at the conclusion of the sequence.

“Tuckett Tobacco” used two different type faces for printing their *company code*. The first set of cancellation codes run with 3 mm. figures where the figure eight has a top flourish (which this computer keyboard cannot not reproduce - see below).

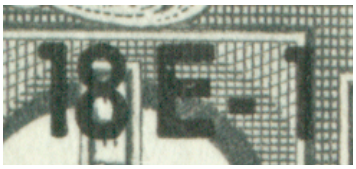
The second set of 3 mm. cancellation codes used the non-flourish code 1-18E.

“Tuckett Tobacco” ceased operations at Hamilton in 1967 prior to the introduction of the “Wings” Series. The parent company “Imperial Tobacco” had opened the modern *Peter Jackson* cigarette factory in nearby Guelph, Ontario [ 1-17E ] in 1958, and the Tuckett operation in Hamilton was gradually phased-out.

The final set begins with **1 - 18 E** and eventually uses the reverse code **18E-1**. Due to the distinctive type face, and the fact that on the *tall format* stamps this type face continues until 1974, I speculate that these were produced under contract by “Imperial Tobacco” in Guelph, Ontario.



**1964**



**1965-67**

**--- “Tuckett Tobacco”, Hamilton [ 1-18E ] - scanned at 100% scale ---**

**a ‘flip-top’ box**

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**a ‘slide’ box**

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## --- 20 Cigarettes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - two vertical digits in BLACK ink - 1956-61 ---

**--- black - --- using a plain stick figure “ l ” in the numerals as far as [ 3 l ] ---**

**--- with a *serifed* company code, reading horizontally upright at the bottom - 31 copies to date ---**

| | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1956 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | l 4 | -- | -- | -- | l 8 |
| 1957 | l 9 | 20 | -- | 22 | -- | -- | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | -- |
| 1958 | 3 l | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | -- | 40 | -- | 42 |
| 1959 | -- | 44 | 45 | -- | 47 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 53 | -- |
| 1960 | -- | -- | -- | 58 | -- | 60 | 61 | -- | -- | 64 | -- | -- |
| 1961 | -- | 68 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 78 |
| 1962 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 84 | 85 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

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**--- black - with a *serifed* company code, reading vertically up at the right side - 5 copies to date ---**

| | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1956 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 16 | -- | -- |
| 1957 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 25 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1958 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 42 |
| 1959 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 49 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1960 | -- | -- | 57 | -- | 59 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1961 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1962 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

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## --- 20 Cigarettes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - two digits vertically stacked in BLACK ink - 1956-61 ---

**--- black - with a <u>serifed</u> company code, reading horizontally across the bottom ---**

Judging by the box collection, these stamps were used on “flip-top” boxes. This is another packaging variation which ran concurrently with the preceding sets.

**--- vertically stacked cancellation coding - using a plain stick figure “ l ” in the early numerals - 19 copies to date ---**

| | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1956** | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | l 6 | l 7 | -- |
| **1957** | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 24 | 25 | -- | 27 | 28 | -- | -- |
| **1958** | 3 l | 32 | -- | -- | 35 | 36 | -- | 38 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| **1959** | -- | 44 | -- | 46 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 52 | -- | -- |
| **1960** | 55 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 61 | 62 | 63 | -- | -- | -- |
| **1961** | -- | -- | -- | -- | 71 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| **1962** | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| **????** | -- | -- | 2C | 3C | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

The final two stamps have been called “Christmas Employee Packages” in many of the old collections. They run from **1C** to **5C** in the “Imperial Tobacco” collection.

## --- 20 Cigarettes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - two digits in BLACK ink - 1958-64 ---

**--- grey shade - with a *non-serifed* company code, reading horizontally upright at the bottom - 18 copies to date ---**

| | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1958** | -- | 32 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 42 |
| **1959** | -- | 44 | 45 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 54 |
| **1960** | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 66 |
| **1961** | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 75 | -- | -- | -- |
| **1962** | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 84 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 89 | 90 |
| **1963** | 91 | 92 | -- | 94 | -- | -- | 97 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| **1964** | -- | -- | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

Judging by the box collection, these stamps were used on “flip-top” boxes.

**--- grey shade - with a *non-serifed* company code, reading horizontally upright at the bottom - 3 copies to date ---**

| | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1958** | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 38 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| **1959** | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| **1960** | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| **1961** | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| **1962** | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 89 | -- |
| **1963** | -- | -- | -- | 94 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| **1964** | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

## -- 20 Cigarettes - “Tuckett Tobacco” - two digits in BLACK ink - 1963-64 ---

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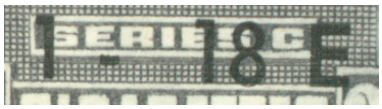


**grey shade - with the 1 - 18 E code reading *horizontally upright* at the bottom - a single copy to date**

| | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1963** | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | **14** |
| **1964** | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

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Due to the difference in the type face, I speculate that these were produced under contract by “Imperial Tobacco” in Guelph.

**--- with company code 18E -1 oriented to read vertically down on the right side – 5 copies to date ---**

| | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1965** | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | **36** | -- | -- |
| **1966** | -- | -- | -- | -- | **43** | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| **1967** | **51** | -- | **53** | -- | **55** | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

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